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NOTE AND COMMENT

Last spring at Wolsley Barracks, London, a private shot a sergeant in cold blood, and, after being chased all over the Western Ontario peninsula for a week or so, was captured. If ever there was a certainty of a murderer coming to the gallows, this appeared to be the man. Yet last week he was acquitted on the ground that he was an epileptic. No one, it seems, with whom he had come into contact for a considerable period before the crime suspected that this was the case, and the question naturally suggests itself: How many other epileptics are there wandering about the country who may at any moment jump up and pop us off when we do or say something to them, which produces a certain effect on their sensibilities? Have these doctors, who testify to having treated prisoners for this trouble, not some responsibility in failing to take steps to have them confined? The incident makes a person decidedly uneasy.

In fact under modern conditions, with legal and medical experts men of such resource, no one can count too surely on a continued lease of life. The country to the south having attained what passes for a more advanced state of civilization than our own, the instances in which the taking of life is palliated are more numerous and more striking there than with us. Last August a man named Peter J. Hains shot down and killed a magazine publisher, W. J. Annis, as his yacht approached the landing-stage of a fashionable club house. Annis dropped into the water and when by-standers went to rescue him the brother of his assistant, Thornton J. Hains, who had plotted the murder, kept them back with a revolver. Certain accusations in which two women were involved were the alleged motive. Thornton J. Hains has recently been on trial. His lawyers appealed to "the unwritten law" which did such service in the Thaw case and he was acquitted. When the verdict was given, the public prosecutor declared and his words were well borne out by the facts: "Under this verdict it is perfectly safe for any person who is ingenious enough to frame up a defence to go and kill. Private vengeance seems to have taken precedence over the people's law." If this kind of thing continues, where do the American people expect to get off at?

There are other parts of the Empire besides Alberta that have been bothered by a capital question. For nine years the Australian Parliament has struggled with it and now have decided that neither Sydney nor Melbourne, the most jealous of rivals, is to have the honor. A new city is to be created away in the bush on what is known as the Yass-Carriarra site. In South Africa the confederation project is being delayed because neither Cape Town nor Pretoria wants to stand any chance of the other becoming the seat of government. Taking advantage of the situation Bloemfontein is pressing its claims as a compromise and is understood to be making an effort to secure the services of Mr. John T. Moore, M.P.P. to advocate its case.

The Morang school book contract is to be investigated in Saskatchewan by a commission of judges. This is a pity. The Gamey case in Ontario should have shown the danger of that system of enquiry. It is all very well if the verdict of the judges were accepted in good faith by both parties. But this does not seem possible where a question that has been made a political football is being investigated. In Ontario two judges were chosen, whose integrity had never been for a moment called in question. One of them was at the stage of his career a politician; the other had been a Conservative, but both were given their places on the

This Week's Poultry Show



THE WORK OF JUDGING IN PROGRESS

Reading from the right the above shows Mr. T. S. Mattison, director; Mr. Langmore, judge; Mr. J. S. Knowles, judge's clerk; Mr. John Arnott, pigeon judge; Mr. L. Knowles, secretary-treasurer; Mr. G. W. Owen, superintendent; Mr. F. Taylor, judge's clerk; and Mr. M. Ross Wallace, judge.

The poultry show being held this week in the Mechanics' Hall, Edmonton, under the auspices of the Alberta Twin Cities Poultry and Pet Stock Association is a revelation of the progress which this industry is making in Alberta. The entries are twice as numerous as they were

last year, the quality of the exhibits is of a very superior character, and many points throughout the province are represented. Competition has been keen throughout and the judges have been having no easy time of it. The Buff Orpingtons have shown themselves once more

to be the most popular Alberta breed. Several very interesting specialties are exhibited, among them a jungle fowl, belonging to Mr. H. V. Shaw and valued at \$300, from which the modern domestic breeds of poultry are sprung. On

Wednesday evening an excellent concert was given in the course of which Hon. W. T. Finlay gave an address laying emphasis on the efforts which the Department of Agriculture was making to encourage the poultry industry.

Beneath a Conservative administration, while the Gamey charges were preferred against members of a Liberal cabinet. If ever one would have expected a judicial verdict in a political case to have been accepted without question it was in this instance. But no sooner had they reported that the charges were not upheld, than they were exposed to a torrent of abuse from one end of Ontario to the other. Rather than have a reputation of all this in Saskatchewan, it would be very much better to have had a committee of the House take the matter up. While it is desirable to get hold of all the facts in connection with the Morang contract, it is of infinitely more importance to keep the Bench free from even the suspicion of mixing up in politics.

The railway policy, it is expected, will soon be announced in detail. Messrs Mann and McLeod of the C.N.R. were in Edmonton the other day and at an interview with the cabinet it is stated that at least three branch lines, to be constructed by that company, were decided upon, one from Edmonton to Fort Assiniboine on the Athabasca river in the direction of Lesser Slave Lake and Peace River Crossing, another along the north bank of the Saskatchewan from the eastern boundary of the province, and the third to Calgary, going a considerable distance east of the C. & E. The needs of all parts of the province will be thoroughly considered and there is no doubt about the great change which will be wrought. Apart from government co-operation, the C.P.R. has announced an extensive programme of construction during the coming year. With all this active railway building and with the revolutionary change which is imminent in connection with the method of getting our products to the seaboard, Alberta is bound to become vastly different place to live and work in during the next five years.

In another part of this issue is reproduced a paper recently prepared by Mr. Thomas H. Woolford of Cardston, in which he deals with the question of a western outlet for Albertan products in all its phases. It is well worth reading. Next week, on Feb. 3 and 4, a conference of all who are interested in this

development will be held in Calgary, under the auspices of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, which promises to mark the beginning of a new era in our economic history.

The government's redistribution bill was brought down this week. It provides for thirty-eight members in the next House. The exact boundaries of the various constituencies are yet to be drafted, though it is determined already that Edmonton and Calgary will each have two members. Whether these two will be elected over the whole city or two constituencies be formed does not yet appear.

The good work that has been done by Mr. R. B. Chadwick has been followed up by a bill introduced by Mr. Cross in which further protection is given children, whose parents cannot safely be entrusted with their up-bringing. It is provided that they may be removed and placed under conditions, which will give them a fair chance of leading respectable lives. Already Mr. Chadwick has been instrumental in having some fifty such children thus cared for.

The announcement of an average reduction of twenty-five per cent in the rates charged by the Provincial Government telephone system is a welcome one. The record of the administration in handling the telephone problem could hardly have been improved upon. Nothing has done more to vindicate the reputation of the members of the cabinet for business acumen.

It is the customary thing to praise the choice made by a parliamentary body of a presiding officer, so Mr. Borden as well as Sir Wilfrid paid tribute to what they described as the exceptional qualifications of Mr. Charles Maclellan, the new speaker of the House of Commons. Yet it is extremely doubtful if a wise selection has been made. Mr. Maclellan is an effective stump speaker and a jolly good fellow but little more can be said in his favor. He is not in any sense representative of the dignity of our institutions and the campaign which the Toronto News has been making against his election was well justified. Public opinion will not tolerate the contin-

uation of existing conditions indefinitely. The desirability of having the tenure of the post made permanent, following the English practice. The move would be a good one but as a preliminary to it greater care should be taken in filling the office during the single parliamentary term.

Nor is the choice of a speaker of the Senate any more worthy of commendation. Senator Kerr is a leading member of that element in the Upper House, which has done a great deal to bring both his party and the chamber in which he sits into disrepute. Just at present the Senate is being strongly criticized for twice rejecting a bill, which was introduced by Mr. Lancaster and passed the House of Commons, forcing the railways to put up gates at all level crossings in towns and villages or else slow their trains down to ten miles in passing the same. The regulation was a reasonable one, but so thoroughly are corporation interests represented in the Senate that that body took upon itself the responsibility of frustrating the will of the people's representatives, the new Speaker being one of the most prominent opponents of Mr. Lancaster's bill. In fact the only time that the Senate nowadays sticks itself in when it sees that some corporation is liable to be forced to spend a little for the protection of the public. The other day at an unprotected crossing in Grimsby, Ontario, five people were killed. A short while ago three others met their fate at the same crossing. On Tuesday of this week two fatalities, due to the same cause, were reported from Kingston. The Senate has a terrible responsibility on its shoulders and the move which Mr. Lancaster now proposes to make to petition the Imperial Government for the abolition of the Upper Chamber will receive a large measure of support. Far from being of any use at present, the Senate is a positive drag on the wheels of progress and the most discreditable feature of the present government's record is its attitude towards this fifth wheel on the coach of state. It came into power pledged to bring about a reform and has made absolutely no move in that direction. The senatorial appointments have been quite as bad as were those made by its predecessors. Public opinion will not tolerate the contin-

uation of existing conditions indefinitely.

Sir Wilfrid's loyalty to his colleagues is shown in his finding a seat for Mr. Templeman, the only minister defeated at the general elections. Mr. Sloan, the member for Camox-Afton, has resigned, and the election to fill the vacancy will take place some time in March. The move does not look like a wise one. If ever a party fell down at a time of crisis, it was the Liberal organization in British Columbia when the Asiatic question arose. Mr. Templeman was submitted to a severe test, to which he made a poor response, and his failure to carry his own seat, appeared to the Saturday News at the time as a rather opportune event and it is surprising that the loss of another constituency should be risked at the present juncture in order that he may retain his place in the cabinet. It is the poorest kind of politics.

The first great test of the usefulness of wireless telegraphy took place in connection with the wreck of the White Star liner Republic this week. That out of over a thousand passengers only two should have met death in a disaster of such proportions under such trying circumstances is remarkable evidence of the safety to which modern travel by sea has been reduced.

The resignation of Mr. F. W. Morse, the guiding-spirit of the Grand Trunk Pacific, comes as a great surprise. There has been a feeling that construction has not been rushed as rapidly as it should have been. Whether this is responsible for the general manager's retirement or not is impossible to determine. His successor is Mr. Chambers, former general manager of the Canadian Atlantic.

The Winnipeg Free Press publishes some figures to show how Saskatchewan has caught up with Manitoba in population. The provincial elections took place in both within a few months of each other and in Saskatchewan 58,670, it should be remembered, too, that Saskatchewan has no great city like Winnipeg. It would not be at all

surprising, in fact may be almost taken as a certainty, that the census of 1911 will show a larger population in each of the provinces comprising the old territories than in Manitoba.

The Alberta Government continues to be criticized on account of the compensation act. The labor unions in Lethbridge claim that the measure does not go far enough and the employers in Edmonton that it goes too far. But to all but extremists it appears a very well-conceived and timely bit of legislation. There may be some details in which it will appear an amendment is advisable and the government has shown a disposition to take all representations made to it into close consideration, but it has shown no intention of abandoning the general principle of the act.

We hear considerable talk about the possibility of war between the United States and Japan and some Canadian militia officers are already contemplating the possibility of a trip down to the border during the coming summer in order to help in the work of enforcing neutrality. If hostilities do ensue, the likelihood of which appears to us rather remote at present, although the situation does contain grave elements of danger, they will come as a result of the failure of the constitution to afford the central government a proper check on those of the States. Washington cannot control California in the same way that Ottawa can British Columbia. Hon. W. M. Byrne, an eminent constitutional lawyer, gave an address in New York the other night, which is of decided interest in view of the present situation. He did not mince his words and his conclusion is surely in line with the view which has been presented on this page from time to time that the system of giving the balance of power to the central authority, as under British institutions should be, jealously preserved, despite all the agitations for provincial rights that arise. That our neighbors will ultimately have to make a change is certain. Here are two paragraphs from Mr. Byrne's address:

"In conserving extensive rights to the States the Constitution protects the instabilities of local self-government; but this cumbersome and expensive machinery of State government is a tremendous price to pay for home rule, which because of the perfect unity of our people could be obtained by a system of municipal and rural administration. The present system of State government is a menace to our peace and prosperity. The danger to our prosperity is perceived by those who will deeply study the growing complexity of our interstate laws. National commerce will in time be chained and fettered by the solons of some forty odd Capitols. Our peace is in no less danger. When we murdered the subjects of Italy in New Orleans our Federal Government was obliged to confess its impotence in the matter. Anarchy would have been high riot in Chicago if the patriotic and fearless Cleveland had not stretched Federal powers to sweep aside the inactive Governor of Illinois; and even now a great war may be provoked with Japan unless our countrymen in California pay heed to the cautious wisdom of President Roosevelt. The power to declare war is taken from the States by the Constitution, but it leaves them with the power to provoke war in the administration of their reserved powers. These insufficiencies in our constitution will receive in time the thoughtful attention of the American people and will be solved by that consummate wisdom which at all times has hovered over the history of the United States."

The last of the Dominion election contests took place in the Yukon last Thursday when the former commissioner of the territory, Mr. F. T. Congdon, was elected by a good majority against three other candidates. Mr. Congdon is a man of brilliant parts and is bound to become a prominent figure in the new parliament. During his term as commissioner he was the object of many attacks, against all of which he offered a spirited defence. Just (Continued on page 4)

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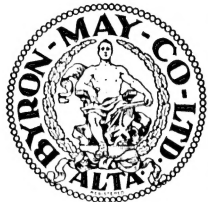
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 30



ALTRUISM.

When cream is ninety cents a quart,
And new-laid eggs are soaring,
And butter—of the milder sort—
Necessitates ignoring.

We say, "altruism," "Just think of
that!"

And eat our bread with bacon fat.

But when our neighbors come to dire

We don't consider prices.

But give them courses eight or nine,

From oysters up to ices.

You'd never dream the purse was limp

Or how we have to save and skimp.

For then we buy us cream galore

And mushrooms in season.

And fatted birds—though prices soar

Beyond all rhyme or reason;

Champagne and festive fidd abound,

And hired waiters gallop round.

'Tis thus that we exemplify

The love we bear our brother,

And cheerfully ourselves deny.

That we may feed each other,

Obeys both the Golden Rule

And modern altruistic school.

—Helen A. Saxon in February
Smart Set.

I cut the following from a Stettler
theatrical advertisement:

"Nothing of a suggestive nature
will be booked. Every troupe will
be 'TESTED' AT EDMONTON, and
Stettler will be assured in advance
of the nature and fitness of each
troupe before their arrival, which
will be weekly."

How does Edmonton like the role
of moral trier—for Stettler?

—

Rev. W. G. Fortune preaching in
Calgary last Sunday declared there
could be no curling in heaven. The
other place not being feasible on
account of climatic conditions, the
brothers of the stone can hardly be
blamed for making the most of present
opportunities.

—

On the face of it, the choice of a
man who responds to the jovial
name of "Charlie" for the dignified
head of speakerhood of a legislative
body looks dangerous. But having
worked out so beautifully in Al-
berta, the Dominion Parliament has
also decided to take the risk.

—

Those of us who a week or so ago
were turning over in our minds how
delightful it would be to take a
trip to the Mediterranean couldn't
help being consoled as we read the
other day of what happened to a
shipload of those seeking balmy
climes, when rammed in the fog off
the Massachusetts coast.

—

I cut the following from the
report of the opening of parliament
at Ottawa:

"Mrs. J. T. Brown of Brantford
(author of 'Our Lady of the Snows'),
who accepted in His Excel-
lency's box in the reserved gallery,
wore a handsome Empire gown of
white broadcloth trimmed with beige
Irish lace."

—

Those who should masquerade around
in such a disguise?

—

Science is doing a lot of killing
these days. For generations people
have talked about "the red-headed
Scott" as if the bulk of the people
from the northern kingdom were
"auburn-haired Charlies." I do not
see why it was necessary to organize
an investigation into the subject
but at any rate one has been held
from which the amazing discovery
has come that only about five
per cent of the Scotch population
have red hair. Some time ago it
was proven that the kilt was at no
period in history a common article
of apparel in Scotland. Soon some

one will make the astonishing dis-
covery that Scotch whiskey is for the
most part consumed in America.

—

"I hope you were a good little
boy while at your aunt's and didn't
tell any stories," said his mother.

"Only the one you put me up to
ma," replied her young husband.

"Why, what do you mean, child?"

"When she asked me if I'd like to
have a second piece of cake, I said:
'No, thank you, I've had enough.'"
Harper's Weekly.

—

Automobilist: What advantage
has the airship over the motor car?

Aeronaut: Well, for one thing,
you can always be sure of making
good time on the return trip.

—

"Did you notice that handsome
lady who just went out?" queried
the bookkeeper.

"Yes," replied the man in front
of the counter.

"What about her?"

"She has a very interesting his-
tory," said the literary salesman.

"How do you know?" asked the
other.

"Because I sold it to her a few
minutes before you came in,"
replied the other, as he indulged in
an open-faced grin.

—

The Victoria Colonist very kindly
remarks: "The inhabitants of the
prairie Provinces are shivering
beneath the blasts of a blizzard
almost unprecedented in severity."
Well, they know the remedy—they
will find the latchstring on the out-
side of the door of Vancouver Island
and a warm welcome awaiting them.

—

And run the risk of being buried
in the ruins left by an earthquake?

"Please, mister, help a poor
cripple," whined the husky hobo.

"Sure," rejoined the kindly old
gentleman, as he handed out a
quarter.

"How are you crippled, my poor
fellow?"

"Financially, mister," replied the
hobo, as he pocketed the quarter and
made a hurried getaway.

—

This despatch from Berlin may
encourage some long-sufferers from
noise nuisances that I know to take
action: "The Supreme Court of
Leipzig has given a decision in favor
of an appellant who sued to have a
public clock silenced in the night
time. The appellant is a hotel keeper
at Eisenach. He brought action
against the authorities of the cath-
edral there, claiming that the noise
of the chiming clock in the belfry
disturbed his guests' nightly sleep
and damaged his business."

"Two courts rejected his plea, but
their decisions are now reversed by
the highest court of the empire,
which rules that the clock must cease
striking at 10 o'clock at night."

The decision is likely to be made a
precedent by the German Anti-Noise
Society and other din haters to pro-
cure similar silences in many places.

—

The King of the Klondike

One of the most remarkable char-
acters in the history of the world,
famous stamped in the Yukon
goldfields, passed away recently
when Alexander McDonald dropped
dead from heart failure. The
former "king of the Klondike," who
counted his wealth at one time by
the millions, was cutting a few sticks
of wood in his little cabin on the
Stewart river in the mighty Yukon
valley, where he had gone to
retrieve his fortune, when the end
came suddenly. To many people
throughout Alberta Mr. McDonald
became well-known three years ago
when he visited Edmonton and made
extensive investments in coal lands.
The "king" was born in Nova Scotia
of a good Scotch family. He inher-
ited the tenacity and honesty of his
race. Nature was kind to him in
the endowment of a vigorous con-
stitution. He stood a little above
six feet in his stockings and weighed
200 pounds when he trained to a fine
point by the hard labor of mining
in a country that laughs at zero
weather. If it came to a test of
strength he could handle the ordi-
nary man with the same ease that
he effortlessly disposed of aspiring chal-
lengers. But he did not seek his fame
with his fists. Mother earth, with
her hidden stores of mineral,
claimed his undivided attention.
He was well-known in Colorado
from the early '80's to about 1894.
During that period he passed
through all the ups and downs com-
mon to mining men. To-day rich
and to-morrow poor, come what
might, he was the same good-nat-
ured, generous giant. When the
boom struck Colorado in 1894, Mc-
Donald struck out for new fields.
Unheralded and unannounced he
passed through Seattle on his way
to Alaska. He landed at Juneau
Nov. 30, 1894, with just \$500 in his
pocket, and a boundless supply of
hope. He had no trouble securing
work in the famous Trendwell mine,
on Douglas island, opposite Juneau.
In fact, his physical self made him a
marked man in that country even
then.

Plodding along for wages did not
suit him, and when stories of great
treasures in the Yukon came strag-
gling in he commenced to become
uneasy. As soon as he earned

enough for a grub-stake he "struck
trail" for the interior, passing over
the now famous Chilkoot pass in
April, 1897. Arriving at Lake
Bennett he built a boat, while his
companions put in most of their
time expressing their opinions of
the country and the prospects of the
trip. Needless to say there was not
even a little speck of silver lying
under the cloud they saw before them.
But McDonald was persistent, and
he was rewarded in the month of
the Indian river, where good pros-
pects were found.

At Forty mile McDonald soon
found work with the Alaska Com-
mercial company as a prospector on
shores. He got hold of some good
claims on Miller creek, and work had
just begun when the first news of a
strike in the Klondike came to them.
The miners stampeded, but Mc-
Donald refused to go. He owed an
obligation to the Alaska Commercial
company, and he remained on Miller
creek until he had struck silver on
his own claims. Then he went to the
Klondike, arriving in September, 1896.
It will be seen from this that there
was excitement in the north when
the Klondike long before it struck the
outside with all the fury of a tem-
pest.

McDonald first explored the
Klondike river, the upper part of
which he said was an unknown
quantity. On his return he looked
over Eldorado and Bonanza and was
enthusiastic over the prospects. He
was not struck in the Klondike for
\$400 and half of 30 on the same
creek for \$200.

He was anxious to get more prop-
erty, and offered to mortgage what
he had. He was considered over-
enthusiastic. Still determined to
extend his holdings and needing
money he returned to Forty-mile
creek to raise money. He arrived
in Dawson again in the latter part
of October, and took advantage of
the conditions to purchase town lots
for \$25 each. As Dawson grew
much of this property increased in
value until he had a fortune in real
estate. Claim 27 was the first to
be worked on a large scale, and it
turned out even better than he had
expected. But as nearly every
one else had a claim of his own and
was digging for gold help he
sought McDonald then first intro-
duced what has come to be known as
the "lay system." He agreed to
give 50 per cent of the gross receipts.
If any was not struck he was to give
the men full wages. At this time
the proposition did not appeal to the
miners, but later on two men took
"lay" on claim 20. They struck it
rich, taking out \$33,000 in forty-five
days. On another of McDonald's
properties two other men cleaned up
\$29,000 in forty days.

In the meantime McDonald had
personally succeeded in taking out
\$5,000. This sum, together with
what he got out of the claims that
were worked on "lays," gave him
funds with which to extend his
operations. He was successful
beyond his wildest expectations.
Among his new purchases were 27
and part of 28 and 29, above dis-
covery, all on Bonanza. When he
got ready to sell them he realized
\$325,000. At this point he had an
immense fortune in his grasp, but he
kept on extending his operations
until it was common talk that he
owned miles of claims on the best
spots, including Eldorado, Bonanza,
Hunker and Dominion. But he did
not know when to let go. Complica-
tions set in: he became involved and
lost the world was startled by
the report that the "king of the
Klondike" had lost his immense fortune.
No complaint ever came from
McDonald. Once more he started
out to make his fortune in the same
old way, and it was while develop-
ing properties on the Stewart river
that he was stricken.

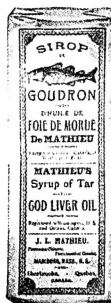
On the "outlets" McDonald has
been forgotten in the rush of events,
but in the Yukon his name is still
treasured as the "king of the Klon-
dike."

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an ap-
plication will be made to the Legis-
lature of the Province of Alberta at
the present session thereof, for an
act to incorporate the Alberta
South-Western Railway Company
with power to construct, operate and
maintain a line of railway of a gauge
of 4 feet, 8 1/2 inches (with all con-
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How strange a mob would meet

What famous folk would haunt them all,
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A royal duke comes down to us,
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His Pagan tutor, Lucius,
And Beekford claims an aureous
Old heathen in morocco blue;

And who demands Eobanus
But stately Jacques Auguste de
Thou!

They come, the wise, the great, the true,
They jostle on the narrow stair,
The Frolic Countess de Verrue,
Lamignon, ay, and Longpierre,

The new and elder dead are there—
The lords of speech, and song, and pen,
Gambetta, Schegel and the rare
Drummond of haunted Hawthornden.

At least in pleasant company
We bookish ghosts, perchance, may flit;

A man may turn a page, and sigh,
Seeing one's name, to think of it.
Beauty, or Poet, Sage, or Wit,
May open our book, and muse

awhile,
And fall into a dreaming fit.
As now we dream, and wake, and smile!

—Andrew Lang.

The gentle art of social reporting surely never reached a more amusing and diverting stage than in the hands of the celebrated Mr. Pepps two hundred odd years ago.

As you probably know Mr. Pepps wrote a diary, and had not done so, exit Mr. P. many, very many moons since.

But it was the good fortune of this extremely human and delicious man to keep a record of his daily goings-out and comings-in—in fact of any, and everything, that came under his notice, in such a blunt and honest fashion, that the generations that have followed him, have found him altogether so delightful a companion that they have refused to part company, and here we have him and his clever little book until this day.

Glancing over a volume modelled on the Pepps' style, but dated 1849, I ran across an account of an "At Home"—(good grief and did they have them then?)—held in March of that year which the naive chronicler reports in the following manner:

"To-night to an Evening Party with my wife, whereabouts we had been bidden to come at 10 of the clock; for Sir Hilary and her Ladyship have taken to keeping rare hours. Thereat was a goodly company of about an hundred, and the women all very fine, my wife being in her last year's gown, which I am tired of, and do hate to see. (Not more I'll wager than she herself did!). We did fall to dancing quadrilles, wherein I made one, and had for my party a little black Damsel, whom after the dance was ended, did hang to a sofa, and thereon sit me by her side; but seeing my wife looking hard at us, did presently make my bow, and so away. The young fellows did take their partners by the waist, and these did lean upon the other's shoulders, and with one arm stretched out, and holding hand in hand, they did spin round the room together. But, lack! to see the kicking up of heels and stamping of them on the ground, which did merrily remind me of Jim Crow, and now to think of persons of quality cutting such capers! Meanwhile the servants did hand round glasses of Negus, which was poor stuff; and those who listed to supper when they chose, in a side room of wretched sandwiches of the size of triangles in euclid. His Geometry, which did think shabby. Home I, a cab, at two in the morning, much wearied and little pleased; and on our way home, spying a tavern open, did go and get me a pint of beer, and the same to my wife, for we were both athirst, and she in an ill humor about the beauty I had danced with, and I because of the bad supper, and so very ill-contented to bed."

Which reads, is it not so, for all the world like your husband's and mine's remarks apropos our present day "receptions." Same sandwiches, same grumbling about last year's gown; same "kicking up of heels," same old jealousy!

But it is the illustrations which accompany these lively sketches as much as the subject matter, which

arouses my sense of fun and captivates my fancy.

In the one portraying a fashionable "At Home" I see endless familiar types. "Two old Cats" in a corner, centering their friends to pieces. A "poseur" in a supposedly "killing" attitude braced against the mantle-piece. A heavy "papa" with four long thighs hanging on to him. The bored individual, lounging in lonely state; the clumsy youth treading madly on the train of an exquisite gown. Ah, and sundry as we have seen them scores and scores of times at our "mixed" crushes. Well may we question is there anything new under the sun, for if there is it certainly is not in the social line.

An invitation which explained that the host was expecting "merely a few friends to tea, and a little music" drew forth this delicious comment: "To Mr. Jiggins, where you will, and we invited to tea and a little music, but we had much music and little tea, though the music was like the tea in quality, and I do prefer a stronger kind of music as well as liquor."

Equally naive is the description of a wedding breakfast: "Up to church with my wife to see Pail Harley married to Dick Baker, on both sides mighty genteel people, and their guests, all except ourselves, such as they do call carriage company. Pail, in a dress of white satin and orange flowers in her hair very pretty and demure, and Dick, wearing a sky-blue, crimson velvet waistcoat, yellow moleskin trousers, and lacy gloves, with lavender kid gloves, and a carbuncle in his shirt-front, a great buck. But to see how grand were old fat Mr. Harley and Mr. Baker, and how more grand were their fat wives, and how fine and serious they looked, and how high they carried their noses! And when the ring was put on Pail's finger (Dick first having fumbled for it in the wrong pocket), her mother did weep, and falling for support on Mr. Harley, sigh, overthrew him. But the pretty, modest bridemaids did most of all take me; which my wife observing, saw, did trouble her."

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find it—er—a little expensive?" The answer is always prompt, feverish and presumably quite convincing. "Oh, no; it will be such an economy. There will be no need now to give away a hat or dress half worn out because I simply cannot stand myself in them any longer. Now I shall never make a mistake."

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon The pageant of the world goes by For you, for you, I pause and con— A Stander-By

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review of Jan. 18 has the following: "At three o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mr. Monteith M. Nesbitt, 497 George street, Woodstock, occurred the marriage of his only daughter Louise to Mr. James McLean, manager of the Mercantile Bank at Leduc, and son of Mr. Alex. McLean, C.E. of Edmonton. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. G. Wallace, rector of New St. Paul's, in the presence of the bride's immediate relatives. The bride, who is a great favorite, looked very sweet in her wedding gown of white satin, embroidered in pearls and metal in Directorate style. Mr. and Mrs. McLean left on the 5.10 G.T.R. train for a short honeymoon, after which they will return to Woodstock and spend some days with her parents before leaving for their new home in the West.

Mrs. McLean's going away gown was of brown brocade and a pink toque and mink fur, added the finishing touch to a very smart and becoming gown. The best wishes of a host of friends follow Mr. and Mrs. McLean to their home in the West, where Mrs. McLean will be a great acquisition to the musical and social circles of their new home. The out of town guests were Mrs. Miss Sovereign of Watford and Mrs. Waldo of Medicine Hat."

At "The Billows," New Carlisle, Quebec Province, the engagement is announced of Miss Muriel E. Day, daughter of Mr. Oswald Day, to Mr. Robert Cumming McQueen, of Dunrobin Lodge, Inverlathie Gardens, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Ottawa Free Press says: "Mrs. Frank Oliver expects to leave shortly for Edmonton, accompanied by her family."

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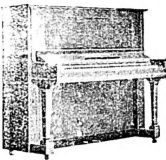
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MUSIC AND DRAMA

Edmonton this week again demonstrated the advanced state of musical progress which it has reached, when at the First Presbyterian Church Handel's "Messiah" was given a masterly rendition. Mr. Jackson Huxley, to whose ability and enthusiasm the local world of music owes so much, was once again the conductor, and the splendid choruses fully maintained for him the reputation that he acquired long since as a leader in this particular field. Comparisons are unnecessary, but it may be said that the Hallelujah Chorus and "All We Like Sheep" were particularly well given. The soloists were admirably chosen. Three of them were medalists of last year's festival and for the pleasure which the large audiences this week experienced in listening to their work they were under direct obligation to those who organized that enterprise. From year to year the festival should accomplish much in bringing out new talent. Miss Webster confirmed the excellent impression made at the festival last week before "Come Unto Him" was given a rarely beautiful rendition. Miss Buck's rich contralto was at its best in "He Was Desolate." The soloist of both "Mr. Hendra, tenor, and Mr. Maggee, bass, were masterly performances. Miss McGuire at the organ and Mr. Barford at the piano gave perfect accompaniments.

The Red Deer Choral Society last week gave a most successful production of Stainer's oratorio "The Daughter of Jairus."

An enterprise is on foot in Lethbridge to send the local opera company to Ottawa to compete for the Governor-General's medal. Recently under the management of Mr. E. Allan Allen, a notable performance was given of "The Darling of the Geishas," an opera, the words of which were written by Mr. C. F. P. Conyngham, K.C., and the music by Rev. J. S. Chivers, both of Lethbridge. It is believed that if this work repeated at Ottawa, it would create the same enthusiasm as greeted it in the Southern Alberta city.

The ever-popular "Sherlock Holmes" was the bill presented by the Allen players at the Edmonton Opera House the first of this week. The role of the famous detective gave Mr. Kennedy a great opportunity, of which he took full advantage. The test was a trying one, as the play is one that had been witnessed by many of the audience in the hands of companies of big reputation, and the satisfaction which was manifested constituted in no small tribute to the ability of this popular stock organization. Miss Felton had what was for her, the minor role of Mrs. Laramie, while Miss Thompson, essayed that with which Miss Edna Shannon's name will always be associated, Miss Paul Kener. Mr. Ayres was Laramie and Mr. Hiltner Moriarty.

For the last three nights of the week the comedy-drama "Dad's Girl" is being given.

The Empire programme continues to please. This week's features are all first-class in their different lines. The ladder tricks of the La Darras, the club swinging of La Salle and Laird, the ventriloquism of the Johnsons, and the songs given by Miss Cassels, Len Glick and others make up a decidedly interesting programme.

JAMES FAX COMING.
Edmonton concert-goers have had almost a surfeit of stock performances this winter, excellent as most of them have been, and the news of the coming of a real old favorite, in the person of James Fax, the prince of comedians, will be enthusiastically welcomed as affording at once a pleasant change and an entertainment combining the finest comedy with the best musical and histrionic talent. The ready wit and spontaneous humor of "Jimmie Fax" render him the most popular comedian in the country, and when to this is added his imitable impersonations, he is placed in a class by himself. Those who love good music will find, in the artists that Mr. Fax brings with him, all that they can desire in this direction. The Fax Company will appear in the Edmonton Opera House on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19th and 20th, with a Saturday matinee for the particular benefit of the ladies and children.

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Home and Society.

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paying her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Anderson on her return home. She will be absent for some weeks.

"Major Saunders, of Edmonton, left last week for Toronto, where he will join Mrs. Saunders prior to leaving for New York, from where they intend sailing on the 21st by the 'Cannibian' for Gibraltar, Genoa, Naples, Alexandria and other Mediterranean points."

Among those present at the opening of the Emporium, Parliament were: Miss Claire Olive, Empire gown of white chiffon satin trimmed with old rose point; Miss Anna Oliver, ivory satin Directoire gown embroidered with gold sequins; Mrs. Frank Oliver, beautiful Parisian gown of pale grey duchesse satin made in Directoire effect and heavily embroidered in gold and silver ornaments; Mrs. J. J. Anderson of Edmonton, Directoire gown of pale pink chiffon satin trimmed with old lace and sequins.

The marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Mr. Frederick George Ellis, of Dusseldorf, Alberta, youngest son of the late Thomas Ellis, Esq., of Mossley, England, and Ethel, eldest daughter of Thomas Williams, Esq., of Lawesog, Denbigh, and Vuelas, Oxtou.

The members of the Beaver House Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire realized \$213.45 from the production of "Sweet Laverd."

Ever since the opening of the House the social ball has been spinning a merry circle. Such a sandwichee in of teas and luncheons and Oratorios and Curling and Skating parties as surely never was. Personally I'd like to see them stretched out a bit more, so that one would have time to chronicle one, and take breath, before another came on, but unluckily people won't be accommodating so there you are.

On Saturday Miss Cornelia Hughes gave a new departure in the way of a "coffee-gossip,"—Deutscher Kaffeegossin! I should write it—in Mrs. Chas. Fisher's honor, when a luncheon was served, to which eleven favored guests sat down, being later joined in the drawing-room by some of the sterner sex.

Everything at this newest "gossip" savored of Deutschland; the place cards, printed in German and having a quaint little drawing of a cuckoo clock in the corner, executed very cleverly by Miss Katherine Hughes; the table decorations which consisted of a large heart in the centre formed of the German national colors, red, black and yellow, on which reposed a Bohemian glass vase of pink carnations and fern, while crystal and brass candleabra shaded in pink dresden silk shades, and long trailing streamers of smilax completed an effective tout ensemble. Add to this nothing but well-known German dishes and an attractive little German handmaiden, Miss Kathleen Hughes, dressed cap-a-pie in the national costume and you will see how very complete all the arrangements were.

As coffee was being discussed, gossip o'er if you will, Miss Marie Gerdung, who has a very sweet soprano voice, sang some little German songs in delightful fashion, after which the guests did a grand chain march around the festive board, greeting each other with a little German phrase, which I am still wrestling with, and so unable to write, and the party adjourned to the drawing room. Here Herr Krankenhagen recited in an attractive broken-English tongue, but beautifully phrased, so that the sense of it was not lost, a fine poem which I am familiar with but whose title has slipped my memory, later singing some ballads of the Vaterland to his own accompaniment on the zither. It was all enjoyable and quaint and unusual as everyone was agreed.

Miss Cornelia Hughes, the hostess of the afternoon, wore a pretty brown silk frock with tucked net vest and a persian embroidered belt. Mrs. Hughes was in black, and had a quiet but hospitable word of welcome for each of the guests, and Mrs. Fisher wore a stunning lace and linen waist with a black skirt and hat, and some beautiful jade jewels.

Those who sat down to the "gossip" included: Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Horace Harvey, Mrs. N. D. Beck, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Bredin, Mrs. Dr. Synges, Mrs. Balmer Watt, Miss Forsythe and Miss Melsaacs.

I have been asked by the Westward Ho Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire to deliver a lecture here on Monday, Feb. 8th, in the First Presbyterian Church, which is to be given under the patronage of His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea.

The subject of the lecture is "From Wheat to Whale" and is illustrated with 100 beautiful stereopticon views, which were prepared from photographs taken by the lecturer as she passed through the country. In a pamphlet which I received from Winnipeg where Miss Cameron is giving her lecture on Feb. 4th under the auspices of the

Women's Canadian Club, is the following:

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In Edmonton, where interest in the northland is always keen, the lecture should make a special appeal. The Westward Ho Chapter, under whose auspices Miss Cameron is coming to the Capital, are putting forth every effort to make the evening a most entertaining and profitable one. Aside from the interest in so fascinating a subject it should be mentioned that the object is to raise funds towards the purchase of a pair of horses for the ambulance, this Chapter of the Order has already presented to the city, and for so worthy and needy a purpose, I am sure there will be a quick response.

The Misses Perkins were the host-

esses of a merry dance on Friday evening, when about fifty of the younger set, tripped the light fantastic, to the tune of excellent music, on a fine floor.

As we go to press the Ladies' Curling Club tea, Mrs. Farquharson's Skating party, and Mrs. Duncan Marshall's tea, are in full swing. For some reason or other Thursday has come to be a very popular day, and so necessitates some pretty lively moving around on the part of popular members of society.

Mrs. Wallbridge was the hostess of a jolly supper party after the Club on Monday evening.

Mrs. D. L. Scott and Mrs. Sydney Woods were two popular tea hour hostesses on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Scott's "Five O'Clock" being in honor of Mrs. Jack Taylor of Moosejaw and Mrs. Taylor of Toronto, sisters-in-law of Mr. Alex. Taylor of this city.

Mrs. Scott received her guests in her own hospitable and hearty fashion, and guests came early and lingered late, chatting over the tea-cups, the tea-table with its showers of lovely pink carnations and fern looking very attractive with the smartly frocked guests grouped about, enjoying the opportunity of gossip with these and other out-of-town guests. Mrs. Lane and Mrs. H. C. Wilson presided over the tea and coffee urns, and Miss Bessie

Scott, Miss Babbitt and Miss Norah Campbell assisted.

Among other visitors I noticed: Mrs. Newbolt of Calgary, Mrs. Lafferty, whose friends in Edmonton are legion, Mrs. Sifton, Mrs. Clark Dennis and Mrs. Constantine.

Mrs. Woods' "Tealet," for there were only twelve invited guests, was also given for out-of-town people, the party from Government House, Mrs. Sifton, Mrs. Constantine, Mrs. Clark Dennis, and Mrs. Chas. Fisher being the raison d'être of the jolly little function. In addition Mrs. Heathcote, Mrs. Cross, Miss Babbitt, Mrs. Markie, Mrs. Bowker, Miss Powell, Mrs. Hislop and Mrs. Balmer Watt had the pleasure of dropping in for half an hour, when, owing to the limited number present a delightful and intimate "tea-gossip" was possible.

Mrs. Woods received in a graceful princess frock of grey vaille over pale pink tulle, and trimmed with touches of black velvet and pink chiffon; Miss Marjorie Brown made a pretty assistant in a dainty white lingerie gown, and the tea table was a symphony of cool green ferns springing from a billow of palest green chiffon on a lovely centre.

These "tiny" teas, where one has a chance to really become better acquainted with new arrivals are becoming THE popular mode of entertainment this season, and here's

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A glance at the map will show that the grain raising district of the Province of Alberta is about 1500 miles from Fort William and Port Arthur, the present water terminals. These ports are open only about seven months in the year. Therefore, in shipping Alberta grain east, for five months in the year St. John is the nearest port, and this port is located almost 3,000 miles by rail from Alberta shipping points. A glance at the map shows that west of us is located one of the best harbors in the world, at a distance of approximately 650 miles from Alberta shipping points. It is obvious from these comparisons that the time must soon come when all of the Alberta wheat should move to the Pacific coast. The wonder is that more of the wheat has not gone in this direction up to the present time.

THE QUESTION OF RATES

Comparing rates we find that in 1905 the rate from Alberta points to Fort William amounted to 25 cents per hundred pounds, and the rate from Alberta points to Vancouver amounted to 35 cents per hundred pounds for export. The rate from Alberta points to Fort William has remained the same during the past three years and will undoubtedly remain the same for many years to come, owing to the fact that this rate, taking into consideration the length of the haul, is the cheapest rate to be found anywhere on the American continent as applied to grain. The rate on grain from Alberta points to Vancouver has gradually been decreased as the quantity offered for shipment has increased, until, at the present time, the rate from Alberta points to Vancouver for export is 22 1/2 cents per hundred. I do not believe that this

is as cheap a rate as the railway company will eventually make for this haul. It is probably as cheap a rate as can be expected under present conditions with the present amount of grain offered for western shipment, but this rate is not the cheapest, by any means, taking distance into consideration, and eventually must work down to the same basis as rates on other divisions covering a haul of 650 miles. With these two rates, however, as they stand at the present time, we find that we can ship wheat from Alberta points to Liverpool, by way of Vancouver, at ten cents per hundred pounds less than we can ship to Liverpool by way of Fort William and St. John, but the difference of ten cents per hundred is the average difference the whole year round, including the seven months when lake navigation is open and the five months when lake navigation is closed. We can therefore assume with the present rates as they stand, that, on an average the year round 10 cents per hundred can be saved on all grain shipments from Alberta points to Liverpool via Vancouver.

Markets have been worked up during the past two or three years in Japan, China, Mexico, Australia and the Philippine Islands, and at times grain can be exported to all these markets at a better figure than possible to obtain in Liverpool, but, of course, these markets are not open

every year and are not open every month in the year, and our basis of comparison must necessarily be Liverpool, the world's market, that is open every day in the year. If we can get into Liverpool and save money by shipping through Vancouver, then we shall be in a position to take advantage of these other markets whenever they are available.

The saving above outlined is on a basis of shipment by way of the Suez canal, or around the Horn, to Liverpool, and, of course, just as soon as the Panama canal is completed, another large saving will be consummated.

THE COST OF SACKING

So much for the saving possible in freights under present conditions, which would amount to six cents per bushel on every bushel of wheat raised in the province of Alberta. If facilities for handling grain in bulk were in operation, and if other conditions did not exist which makes it next to impossible to move grain by way of Vancouver under present circumstances. This saving of six cents per bushel is entirely eaten up in connection with all shipments at the present time, owing to the fact that it is necessary at present to sack all grain for western shipment. It costs us exactly six cents per bushel to sack the wheat. A large terminal storage elevator, similar to those in operation at Fort William, must eventually be erected at Vancouver. Of course it will not require as much storage in Vancouver, owing to the fact that Vancouver port is open the year round and it will never be necessary to store as much grain at that point as is necessary in the case of Fort William, the Fort William port being closed about five months in each year.

WEST vs. EAST.

Because navigation closes at Fort William about December 10th of each year, there are in effect two different rates to Liverpool via the eastern route, one rate during the time that lake navigation is closed. The difference in these rates makes a difference approximately of five cents per bushel in wheat. Shippers that use Fort William markets understand that in September, October, November and in December, up to the close of navigation, they receive five cents per bushel more for wheat

actually on hand and in store at Fort William, than they receive for the same wheat, in December and later months, that arrives in Fort William after the close of navigation. This affects all farmers who are forced to sell their grain to the elevators, and is a hard blow to these particular farmers while it does not help the elevators in any way, and in fact, is a great detriment to the elevators, and the one thing that the writer believes causes more dissatisfaction on the part of the farmers with the elevators than any one thing bearing on this subject.

THE CONGESTION AT THE END OF THE SEASON

Here is the way the deal works out. During the summer, before the crop is harvested, a large number of empty cars are accumulated in the Province of Alberta. The elevators are also emptied during the summer and, when threshing starts in the fall, all the elevators are empty and a large number of cars available for the use of shipping grain east. When the season opens the elevators start buying grain on what they believe and know to be a reasonable margin, taking into consideration the long distance at which they are located from primary markets, and the margin is so satisfactory that we find at least 80 per cent of the farmers selling their grain to the elevators. During the first six weeks of every season at least, the business is in such shape, with everything open and plenty of cars in Alberta, so that the farmers who wish to sell their grain to the elevators do so, and the farmers who wish to ship have the privilege, and everything goes along in good shape, with no complaint from any one. Usually about six weeks after the opening of the season all empty cars in Alberta are filled, elevators are filled to the room and the empty cars that have been filled are on their way to Fort William. Granting that these cars are emptied at Fort William and immediately returned to Alberta, which we do not think is always the case, it will be no less than five or six weeks before empty cars are available to any great extent. A few empty cars, of course, are on hand all the time, which come into the province and are made empty here, having been

brought from the east loaded with merchandise. These cars are insufficient to go around and, because of the peculiar law under which we are obliged to operate, do not serve the purpose that they should serve. Generally, a few individual farmers obtain these cars, and the farmer with a small quantity of grain to ship, and the farmers living a long distance from the market, who are forced to depend upon the elevators, find themselves unable to sell their wheat, or, when they can find an opening at the elevator, find that they must sell at a direct loss of 5c per bushel over regular elevator charges.

THE ELEVATOR PROPOSITION.

Here is the way this proposition operates with the elevators. About October 15th of each year, when the tie-up occurs, the elevators are filled with grain to the roof, grain which was purchased on a low margin. This grain must all be forced to Fort William before the close of navigation or the elevator companies will lose the 5c per bushel difference in price between the price quoted for grain delivered before the close of navigation and the price quoted for grain delivered after the close of navigation. Each elevator holds 30,000 bushels of grain, and it is next to impossible to get this quantity of grain forward to Fort William markets before the close of navigation, making it necessary for the elevator companies, just as soon as the tie-up occurs, to purchase on basis of wheat values in December after the close of navigation, or, in other words, 5c less than the price at which the elevators would be only too glad to purchase the wheat, providing they could get it forward to market promptly. This difference is not covered entirely by the difference in freight, but tying up the grain in the elevator means insurance, interest and other items which go to add to the expense of handling. It is safe to say that if the elevators could send forward their grain immediately as purchased, that they could afford to pay, from October 15th to December 10th, or to the time of the close of navigation, 6 or 7c per bushel more for wheat than they are able to pay under present conditions. Of course this doesn't affect the individual farmer, who is in a position to

load his grain to any great extent, but it does affect very materially the small farmer, and the farmer living at a long distance from the market, who is unable to ship, and what affects one class of farmers affects the entire farming community. This loss is nobody's gain. This is the very thing that causes so much dissatisfaction with the elevators, the ordinary farmer not understanding this proposition. He only knows that he was offered a certain price for grain at the elevator and that he himself, or his neighbor, ships a car of wheat and receives 8 or 9c per bushel more than the elevator would pay. He immediately figures that the elevator company is robbing him of 5c or 6c per bushel. He does not take into consideration the fact that his car load of grain, loaded on truck, can be shipped immediately to market and reach destination before the close of navigation, while the wheat taken into the elevator after October 15th remains in the elevator indefinitely and must be sold to arrive after the close of navigation.

These difficulties I thoroughly believe can be overcome entirely by being able to ship to Vancouver to a port open all the year round, and it will not only be a saving of 6c per bushel on freight, under present freight rates, but an additional saving of 5c or 6c per bushel to all of those farmers who are forced to sell their wheat to the elevators between October 15th and December 10th of each year.

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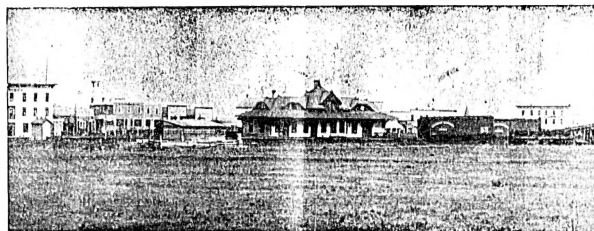
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DEVELOP WESTERN MARKET.

These western markets, of course, are now in their infancy. They need fostering, nourishment and encouragement. It is always hard to get the exporters headed toward a new market. It is absolutely impossible to think of erecting a large storage in Vancouver and shipping large quantities of grain to that point without first hunting up and getting in touch with exporters and shippers in all parts of the world, getting their attention drawn to Vancouver, getting some small shipments through to them from Vancouver, gradually increasing these shipments as the markets increase, and as the quantity of grain in the Province of Alberta increases. It will not do to expect to jump into these markets all at once. There are battles that must be fought. Winnipeg and Fort William are not going to give up the handling of our wheat without a struggle, but our future, and the future of the Province of Alberta depends absolutely and entirely upon our being able to build these western markets on a permanent basis. At present it is almost impossible to take ad-

vantage and nourish the markets that are appearing through the western port, owing to the fact that it is almost impossible to depend upon shipments. The warehouse commissioner has ruled that the Manitoba Grain Act applies to western shipments as well as eastern shipments. At present grain for these western shipments must be shipped in sacks. There is no storage in Vancouver, and, of course, each shipment is for one particular grade of grain.

AN ALBERTA GRAIN ACT.

It happens with every shipment that grain shipped from the elevators expected to grade a certain grade, sometimes fails to grade as expected here in Calgary. For a time when these cars went off grade, we could stop them in Calgary and dispose of it as we thought best, but, recently the warehouse commissioner has made a ruling that all cars billed to Vancouver must go straight through to Vancouver, and destination must not be changed in transit. Attempting to fill orders of any considerable size under these conditions is an impossibility, for there is no place in Vancouver to store or sell grain that fails to grade in accordance with the original sale made. Whether this ruling is intended to discourage western shipments is a question, of course, that the writer cannot say, but that it does discourage western shipments and virtually puts a stop to them, under the present conditions, goes without proof. Before the Province of Alberta can take advantage of these western markets, and before they can be built up so that the farmers of Alberta can take advantage of these savings in connection with the value of their crops, certain changes must be made in the Manitoba Grain Act as to make it possible to make the movement to Vancouver free and unhampered. The present act, which was made for a spring wheat raising country located at a comparatively short distance from an interior market open for navigation for seven months in the year and closed for five months in the year, and an act made especially for a country that had its market thoroughly established and in operation for a number of years, will not do for the Province of Alberta, raising an entirely different kind of wheat which they are trying to put on the market through a port open 12 months in the year, and which they are trying to put on the market through this port not only to Liverpool but also to a number of other wheat consuming countries. This act, in its present state, as it applies to the Province of Alberta will never do, particularly while these markets are being worked up and established, and while the movement west is in its infancy.

Old Age Pensions.

Some Startling Incidents in Connection with the Granting of them in the Old Land.

London papers contain a number of pathetic stories touching recipients of old-age pensions. Just before the Bishops' Stafford port office opened for payment of pensions on New Year's Day morning James Clarey, aged 75, an ex-gunner of the Royal Artillery, died, after he had marked his pension papers with his usual cross. His widow, who resides at 50, Perryway, was refused his army old-age pension, the latter being five shillings. Deceased had served in Great Britain and in India for over twenty-one years. At Kilkenny an old lady, aged 80, who was anxiously expecting the pension, died early on New Year's day morning. George Darwood, of Puckeridge, Herts, who was to have received a pension, died on New Year's Day.

One old lady, on entering the post office at Sandwich to draw her pension, fell to the ground, her indisposition being due to excitement. After being attended to, she was taken home. Two other pensioners died on New Year's Day at Sandwich—Mrs. Brechley, widow, aged 90, and James Charles Luckhurst, aged 72.

Other incidents of the day are less sombre in character and hue. The pensions at Burton Latimer were paid in crowns, which the recipients sold at a premium to souvenir hunters. An old lady of Oundle, who had to walk four miles to receive her pension, declared: "I don't mind; it's worth it." A Woodford pensioner, on receiving his 5s., exclaimed, "Thank God for the man who invented old-age pensions." At Southgate an old lady produced as evidence of her claim a sampler worked by herself at the age of twelve. Her date was 1829. A Bristol applicant, on receiving his cash, carefully put it in a purse, then in a pocket, and, holding his hand over it, said, "I believe it is I have got it." The Family Bible, which is a legal proof of age, was produced at Euston road post office by Sarah

Smith, who is well over seventy. She got her pension.

A huge bonfire was lighted at midnight on New Year's eve on Whitthorse Hill, Westbury, one of the highest points of Wiltshire, to inaugurate Old-Age Pensions Day. At Halesowen Mr. George Cadbury entertained the old folks to a tea, and at Black Heath and Old Hill similar treats were given by the local Liberal Associations. An old woman of the Cladagh, in County Galway, would only accept the pension on a promise that if she died that it her sons would not be sent out to fight the blacks. "I have got it, thank God," said an old white bearded man who had for many years traded as a builder in Bethnal-green, when asked if he had obtained his money all right. A Crimean veteran in his 77th year—George Hibbard—of Gascony avenue, Kilburn, sight the first applicant for pension money at the post office in High Road, Kilburn. He walked in on the stroke of ten wearing two Crimean medals, English and Turkish.

At a dinner commemorating old-age pensions at Bideford, Mr. E. J. Soares, M.P., ridiculed the idea that a country which spent 170 millions per annum in drink could not find six or seven millions for its aged workers.

Milton.

DECEMBER 9, 1608: DECEMBER 9, 1908.

What splendour of imperial station man,
The Tree of Life, may reach when,
rooted for ages,
His branching stem points way to upper air
And skyward still aspires, we see in him
Who sang for us the Archangelical host
Made Morning by old Darkness
upright to the abyss;
A voice that down three centuries
onward rolls;
Onward will roll while lives our
English tongue.

In the devout of music unsurpassed
Since Pity won Heaven's ear on
Israel's harp.

The face of Earth, the soul of Earth,
her charm,
Her dread austerity; the quivering
fate
Of mortals with blind hope by passion swayed,
His mind embraced, the while on
cradled soil,
Defender of the Commonwealth, he joined
Our temporal fray, whereof is vital
fruit,
And choosing armoury of the
Scholar, stood
Beside his peers to raise the voice for
Freedom:
Nor has fair Liberty a champion
armed
To meet on heights or plains the
Sophistic
Throughout the ages, equal to this
man,
Whose spirit breathed high Heaven,
and drew thence
The ethereal power to smite.

Were England sunk
Beneath the shifting tides, her heart,
her brain,
The smile she wears, the faith she
holds, her best,
Would live full-toned in the grand
delivery
Of a cathedral speech: an utterance
Almost divine, and such as Hellespont,
Crashing its breakers under Ida's
frown,
Inspired; yet further worthier he,
whose instrument
Was by comparison the coarse reed-
pipe;
Whereof have come the marvellous
harmonies,
Which, with his lofty theme, of
infinite range,
Alas! entrance, exalt.

We need him now,
This latest Age in repetition cries:
For Belial, the adulter, in our midst;
Mammon, more swift to squeeze the
slavish sweat
From hopeless toil; and over-shadow-
ingly
(Aggrandized, monstrous in his grin-
ning mask
Of hypocritical Peace), inveterate
Molech
Remains the great example.

Hommage to him
His debtor band, innumerable as
waves
Punning all golden from an eastern
sun,
Joyfully render, in deep reverence
Subscribe, and as they speak their
Milton's name,
Hays of his glory on their foreheads
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—George Meredith.

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Home and Society.

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a long and merry life to them, say I who do not love to be crushed to a sandwich, as at the larger affairs.

Quite a respectable crowd of men, curriers, I think, and more, competed in the "points" competition for the handsome electric reading lamp which the Ladies' Edmonton Curling Club put up, on Tuesday evening, and though the ladies were present in full force to steel them on to victory, some of them gave a fine exhibition of how "even men" can whirl the staves and yet not do any damage. As one of the women remarked at the points practice on Wednesday, we can show SOME of the men one or two tricks of the "ro" ourselves, "why, if you'll believe me, my dear, some of them only scored EIGHT!"

As well, it was a fine evening's sport for all that, with great enthusiasm all around, and some rarely clever playing. If you'll be a stranger to "champion" an lying, "etc., etc., you'll be appreciating the fickleness and trickiness of ice and science and call for three cheers for a tiger for the man who plays the game, evenly and well.

Towards the last, excitement ran high. Mr. Irwin and Mr. Gouin being twice 31 for the prize, but which Mr. Gouin eventually pulled out by one point. As a club of course we should have liked to see a home man, whose racks we have used, whose ice we have cut up, and whose patience in invading the broom we have tried, sit down to read lengthily of our triumph, but luck is luck—couldn't the best man win out—we could ask no more.

Mrs. Barnes, president of the Ladies' Club presented the prize, making a suitable little speech of congratulation, and Mr. Chas. May replied in an original manner, remarking that had they seen the prize first they might have evaded the Waterloo they met. Some other day when friends are plentiful, we'll be having to give them another chance—in the meantime unless they better develop better form.

Mrs. Barry, who has a cosy apartment in the Wyze Block, was the hostess of a most enjoyable tea on Wednesday afternoon, given in honor of her cousins, the Misses Prince of Battleford, who are visiting her.

Mrs. J. Harlessworth is entertaining four tables at bridge this (Friday) afternoon.

Mrs. Jackson of Fort William, a sister of Mr. Joseph Morris, came north with Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Moosejaw at last week end, and was a guest at a number of teas during the week. I believe she returned home on Thursday.

An Assembly will be held under the auspices of Ede. Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias in the Separate School Hall on the evening of Friday, Feb. 5. The energy which the Knights have put into their other ventures assures the success of this.

Everyone is looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the Carnival in the Thistle Ring given by the Wiling Workers of All Saints' Church this (Friday) evening. I have heard of several stunning costumes which will be worn, that there will be all kinds of delicious home-made candy and that positively the World and His Wife will be present so who can afford to stay away?

There will be a hockey match between the Ladies' Edmonton Hockey Club and the "Shamrocks," another aggregation of the fair sex, in the Thistle Ring, Feb. 10th in aid of the Orche. Admission, 50 cents.

Mrs. Bishop was one of the many tea hour hostesses of the week, entertaining at a very pretty and largely-attended "Five O'Clock" on Monday.

The hostess received in a Directors gown of cream color, not over a rich satin slip, a touch of fashionable black being introduced in the long Directors sash. Mrs. Torsy and Mrs. Riddell presided at the table, and Mrs. McInnis served the tea, while Miss Violet Wilson, Miss Jessie Belcher, Miss Stokes and Miss Edwards assisted.

Mrs. St. George-Jollett had a small informal tea for the younger set after skating on Saturday afternoon, when the delicious social beverage tasted very good to the enthusiastic young folk who had made an afternoon of it at this strenuous sport.

Miss Fitzmaurice's jolly little tea party on Saturday attracted a congenial circle of friends who had a most enjoyable hour of it with the kindest and warmest of hostesses, who was looking exceedingly well in a pretty oldrose silk frock with some lovely real Irish lace.

Assisting her was Mrs. Cooper who wore a dainty white embroidered linen frock and who, as always, was a most hospitable hostess. The cosy home was looking especially attractive on this brisk winter afternoon, with its prettily arranged tea table bright with many lovely pink carnations, and at which Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Griesbach presided, while Mrs. Harry Robertson and Mrs. Cooper served the teas and Miss Bossie Scott and the Misses Murphy assisted.

Mrs. Bulven held her usual reception at Government House on Thursday last, when a great many people took the opportunity of being presented. Since the advent of the little house party at this official mansion, between one thing and another, there has been a vast deal of coming and going, so that old friends have had frequent opportunities of a quiet chat with the gentle mistress of the house and her guests.

On Thursday Mrs. Bulven wore her stunning Directors gown of amethyst velvet, while Mrs. Sifton was in exquisite pale blue satin with Irish lace garniture and touches of black velvet. Mrs. Constantine in such a smart but simple frock of navy blue and white silk with some pretty all-over lace introduced in the yoke and sleeves, and Mrs. Clark Dennis, Miss Rabbit and Mrs. Hishop, who did the honors of the tea room, wore Empire gowns of pale yellow satin which harmonized beautifully with the spring-like air of the arrangement of the table. In the centre on a mirror base in a high-backed basket was a perfect riot of early spring bloom, daisies and daffodils springing from a bed of ferns, while fresh green fronds were strewn all about the edge of the mirror pond. Over all was the glow of a yellow shaded electrolier and the more subdued but lovely light of yellow shaded candles in silver candlesticks.

Mrs. M. J. Macleod's tea on Friday last added yet another to the list of the season's similar successes. There were being any number of beautifully-gowned women in attendance, and the table arrangements notable for their loveliness—dark red roses and red-shaded candle-lights, while the hostess had a charming word of welcome for all.

Mrs. Macleod received in the drawing-room, bright and fragrant with quantities of red carnations and fern, and wore a most becoming gown of softest grey silk with cream lace garniture.

Mrs. Rutherford and Mrs. Hyndman presided at the tea table and Mrs. Ferris served the teas, assisted by Mrs. Williams, Mrs. McLean, Miss Rabbit and Miss Macleod.

Mrs. Stokes was the hostess of a charming luncheon of ten covers on Tuesday, when the table was beautifully centred with a great bowl of crimson roses on a cluny lace center-piece, and little corsage bouquets of red and white buds were disposed by each plate.

The guests who had the honor of being invited were: Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. McInnis, Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Finlay, Mrs. Bredin, Mrs. M. J. Macleod, Mrs. J. R. Boyle and Mrs. McKenny.

Mrs. Whitesides of Coleman was a visitor to the Capital on Tuesday, and was present at Mrs. Scott's and Mrs. Sydney Woods' teas.

Mr. Whiteside is the manager of one of the large coal mines in Coleman.

I have heard rumors of several private dances to be: the question now resolves itself when they can be sandwiched in?

The time taken up in attending teas has been so considerable during the past few days I have had sent me in such a report that I can hold over the account of Mrs. Rutherford's reception, which took

place on Wednesday afternoon until next week.

Quite a number of people from the Capital attended the Sergeants' Ball in Strathcona on Friday night, when I hear, all the arrangements were perfect, and a very jolly evening was spent.

Reggy

There is a very pretty cutter on view at Mitchell and Reed's auction room which is to be sold on Saturday afternoon as well as other contents of a good stable. Hand-made heavy set of single harness, saddles, lugs, stable beds and bedding, stove, pipes, lanterns, handbags, oils, and other stable appliances; also a new buggy pole.

Note and Commence

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ninety-five per cent of the impertinence that we see about us and if we could get rid of it, a tremendous advance would be made. Mr. Ryan has shown the way for a rational move. It is only one of its kind which has any chance of success.

A writer in Collier's Magazine makes some breezy comments on what passes for good fellowship on this continent. The comparison which he makes with the conditions prevailing in France is worth quoting:

"So absurdly lacking in a certain phase of humor," he declares, "is the Parisian that he even seems to be laughing or joyous in rolling about gutters or hieing midnight songs or embracing himself with his fellows while under the influence of a strong drink. That engaging product of social America who comes into the club, hollow cheeked and livid, remarking, 'Gee, but I was one-eyed last night,' has few counterparts here. To have been helplessly or even conspicuously drunk in a public place is a thing which a Frenchman would be prone to hide rather than to exploit. A strange and immoral race! Nothing has struck me more forcibly than this general sobriety—a dull, gray word, by the way, whereby to describe a characteristic of the blithest people living."

The Department of Trade and Commerce recently issued a circular, showing the advantages to be derived from taking advantage of the old-age annuities plan, recently adopted by the Dominion government.

Unlike the scheme which has called forth so much criticism in Britain, an old-age pension is not made a gratuity, but every facility is provided by which an individual may provide for his declining years by a small degree of thrift. This, it seems to us, is much preferable. It will strengthen a nation's moral fiber rather than weaken it, as the English idea seems bound to. Call the English plan of relief what you will, those to whom it is given are the recipients of State alms.

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of \$20.60 or at 60 of \$23.50. And the same amount at the same age would secure a girl an annuity at 55 of \$22.35, or at 60 of \$28.05.

The annuities will be paid in equal quarterly instalments, the first payment to be made when the age specified is attained; and should the annuitant die before the first instalment of annuity becomes due, payments received will be returned with 3 per cent compound interest added.

In case of death before 60, all payments made with 3 per cent compound interest will be returned to the heirs.

How many men are there, no matter how humble their lot, who could not arrange to take advantage of the above terms, simply by cutting off some expenditures, which, while in many cases they do positive harm, in no case do any good?

As the Saturday News goes to press, two important conventions are in progress in Edmonton, that of the school trustees of the province and that of the union of Alberta municipalities. Both are being largely attended and many matters of exceptional interest are being discussed, extended reference to which will be made in another issue.

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